



GTE Operations Incorporated

**Progress
Report #4
Second Round
Air Tests**

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Introduction

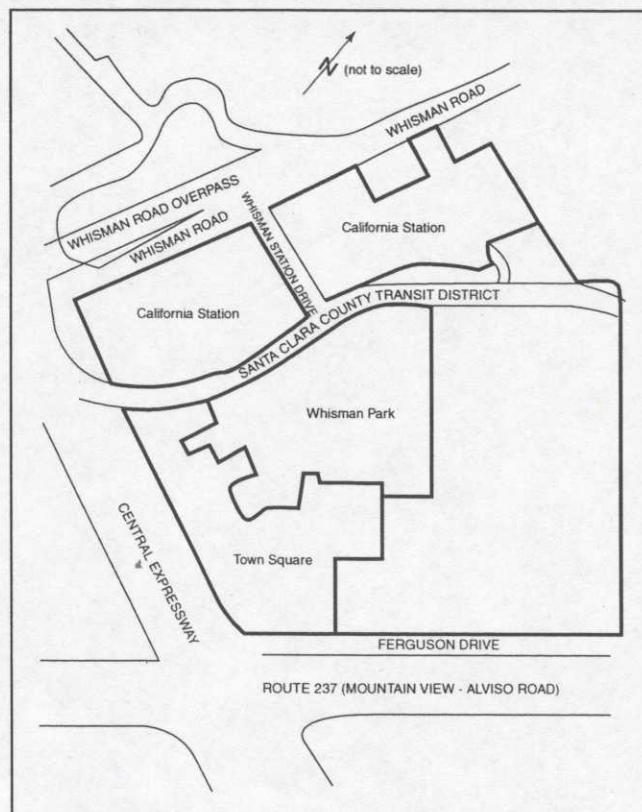
During the week of November 13, 2000, the second of two rounds of air testing were completed at four previously selected homes located near the Town Square, Whisman Park border. These homes are above areas with the highest measured concentrations of trichloroethylene (TCE) in soil-vapor and groundwater on the former GTE property. Based on the first and second round of air test results conducted in April and November 2000, **EPA believes the air tested in these homes is safe.**

Additionally, based on our current information, EPA does not believe the indoor air in other homes on the property is impacted, and that the air is safe. These other homes are located in areas with either no contamination or less contamination than the areas of the previously selected homes.

dichloroethylene (DCE) and vinyl chloride. For TCE, the results ranged from non-detect to $25 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ [micrograms per cubic meter]. Neither DCE nor vinyl chloride were detected in any homes. The results for TCE are within EPA's carcinogenic risk range for TCE, which is currently 1.1 to $111 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. EPA believes this level is safe.

Next Steps

Although EPA believes this level is safe, we will continue to monitor the area. Additionally, EPA will continue to reduce contaminant concentrations in groundwater through the existing groundwater extraction and treatment network. Drinking water for the area does not come from beneath the property. It comes from The Hetch-Hetchy Valley Reservoir and other groundwater wells not located on the property.



Interpreting the Test Results

Of eight homes previously selected for air testing, four homeowners agreed to have their homes retested for TCE,

Unless conditions change, EPA does not plan to conduct further air testing for homes with concentrations less than $1.1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. We will work with GTE to remediate groundwater and monitor conditions at the site. EPA will continue to provide information about ongoing site cleanup activities.

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RESULTS OF SECOND ROUND OF AIR TESTS

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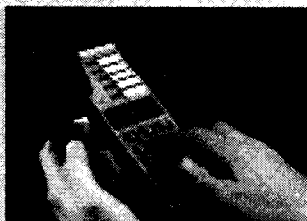
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